

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting tool of a cutting machine having a base element and a chisel holder, wherein the base element has a plug-in receptacle spatially connected with its surroundings via an opening, and the chisel holder has a plug-in shoulder disposed through the opening and retained in the plug-in receptacle of the base element, the cutting tool comprising:

the chisel holder (10) having in a rear area a stop (11) resting against a second stop (24) of the base element (20), the second stop (24) disposed in a rear area of the base element (20),

the base element (20) having a shoulder (21) extending at an angle relative to the second stop (24),

the chisel holder (10) having a side facing the shoulder (21) of the base element (20), a clearance (16) extending forward of the second stop (24) and forming an adjusting space between the shoulder (21) in a front part of the base element (20) and [[a]] the side of the chisel holder (10) facing the shoulder (21), and

a sealing element (30) partially closing the opening, the sealing element (30) including a first portion having a shape that bridges the clearance (16) and has a cross section that is thickened in comparison with a second portion of the sealing element in an area of the stop (11) and the second stop (24).

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2. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) is arranged, at least in some areas between the chisel holder (10) and the base element (20), around the plug-in receptacle (22).

3. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 2, wherein the sealing element (30) is formed as a molded element having a contour of a circumference of the plug-in shoulder (15) of the chisel holder (10).

4. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 3, wherein the base element (20) has a circumferential bezel (23) extending at least partially around the plug-in receptacle (22), which is used as a seat for the sealing element (30).

5. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 4, wherein the sealing element (30) is made of a permanently elastic material, including one of a silicon and a thermoplastic elastomer.

6. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 5, wherein the sealing element (30) is angled corresponding to an angle between the shoulder (21) and the second stop (24) of the base element (20).

7. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 6, wherein the sealing element (30) has a section of an O-shaped cross section (31), which rests at least in part against an area of the base element (20) assigned to the second stop (24), and has a section (32) angled relative to the second stop (24) which rests against the shoulder (21) of the base element (20) and has a thickened cross section which at least partially bridges the clearance (16).

8. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 7, wherein the angled-off section (32) has a wedge-shaped sealing lip (34).

9. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 8, wherein the sealing element (30) is embodied as an injection-molded element, and a sprue nose (33) is arranged near a cross section which is thickened corresponding to the clearance (16).

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10. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 9, wherein one of the sealing element (30) is drawn as a separate plastic component on the plug-in shoulder (15) and the sealing element (30) is injection-molded on the plug-in shoulder (15) as a plastic component.

11. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) is formed as a molded element having a contour of a circumference of the plug-in shoulder (15) of the chisel holder (10).

12. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the base element (20) has a circumferential bezel (23) extending at least partially around the plug-in receptacle (22), which is used as a seat for the sealing element (30).

13. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) is made of a permanently elastic material, including one of a silicon and a thermoplastic elastomer.

14. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) is angled corresponding to an angle between the shoulder (21) and the second stop (24) of the base element (20).

15. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the sealing element (30) has a section of an O-shaped cross section (31), which rests at least in part against an area of the base element (20) assigned to the second stop (24), and has a section (32) angled relative to the second stop (24) which rests against the shoulder (21) of the base element (20) and has a thickened cross section which at least partially bridges the clearance (16).

16. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 15, wherein the angled-off section (32) has a wedge-shaped sealing lip (34).

17. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 7, wherein the sealing element (30) is embodied as an injection-molded element, and a sprue nose (33) is arranged near a cross section which is thickened corresponding to the clearance (16).

18. (Previously Presented) The cutting tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein one of the sealing element (30) is drawn as a separate plastic component on the plug-in shoulder (15) and the sealing element (30) is injection-molded on the plug-in shoulder (15) as a plastic component.

19. (Currently Amended) A cutting tool of a cutting machine, the cutting tool comprising:

a base element including a plug-in receptacle spatially connected with its surroundings via an opening, and a bezel extending around the opening of the plug-in receptacle;

a chisel holder, including a plug-in shoulder disposed through the opening and retained in the plug-in receptacle of the base element;

the chisel holder having a stop resting against a second stop of the base element;

the base element having a shoulder extending outward from the bezel at an angle relative to the second stop;

a clearance forming an adjusting space between the shoulder of the base element and a side of the chisel holder facing the shoulder; and

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a sealing element seated in the bezel and partially closing the opening, the sealing element including a first portion disposed between the stop (11) and the second stop (24) and a second portion extending out from the bezel into the clearance and having a shape that bridges the clearance, wherein the second portion is thicker than the first portion to bridge the clearance.

20. (New) A cutting tool of a cutting machine having a base element and a chisel holder, wherein the base element has a plug-in receptacle spatially connected with its surroundings via an opening, and the chisel holder has a plug-in shoulder disposed through the opening and retained in the plug-in receptacle of the base element, the cutting tool comprising:

the chisel holder (10) having in a rear area a stop (11) resting against a second stop (24) of the base element (20), the second stop (24) disposed in a rear area of the base element (20),

the base element (20) having a shoulder (21) extending at an angle relative to the second stop (24),

the chisel holder (10) having a side facing the shoulder (21) of the base element (20), a clearance (16) extending forward of the second stop (24) and forming

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an adjusting space between the shoulder (21) in a front part of the base element (20) and the side of the chisel holder (10) facing the shoulder (21), and

a sealing element (30) partially closing the opening, the sealing element (30) including a first portion that bridges the clearance (16) and has a cross section that is thickened in comparison with a second portion of the sealing element in the area of the stop (11) and the second stop (24);

wherein the base element (20) has a circumferential bezel (23) extending at least partially around the plug-in receptacle (22), the bezel is a seat for the sealing element (30), and the thickened first portion of the sealing element (30) extends out of the bezel into the clearance (16).